

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the “DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE SHEETS” section on page 4 of the specification (as amended by Applicant’s amendment of March 3, 2004) with the following replacement section:

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE SHEETS

FIGURES 1A-1B provides the nucleotide sequence of a cDNA molecule or transcript sequence that encodes the secreted protein of the present invention. (SEQ ID NO:1) In addition, structure and functional information is provided, such as ATG start, stop and tissue distribution, where available, that allows one to readily determine specific uses of inventions based on this molecular sequence. Experimental data as provided in Figure 1 indicates expression in head/neck, nervous tumor, colon, breast, and placenta tissue.

FIGURES 2A-2F provides the predicted amino acid sequence of the secreted protein of the present invention. (SEQ ID NO:2) In addition structure and functional information such as protein family, function, and modification sites is provided where available, allowing one to readily determine specific uses of inventions based on this molecular sequence.

FIGURES 3A-3FF provides genomic sequences that span the gene encoding the secreted protein of the present invention. (SEQ ID NO:3) In addition structure and functional information, such as intron/exon structure, promoter location, etc., is provided where available, allowing one to readily determine specific uses of inventions based on this molecular sequence. As illustrated in Figure 3, SNPs were identified at 24 different nucleotide positions in the nephronectin gene of the present invention.